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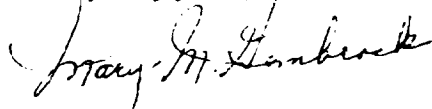
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Today, I am writing you to express my support of the recent settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I am a long time supporter of the Microsoft Corporation. Thus, I would be happy to see the litigation against Microsoft come to an end. As a republican I believe in free enterprise and can't imagine an administration for which I voted choosing to damage a company that has added so much to the economy and growth of our country.

As a senior citizen, Microsoft has personally impacted my life. A few years ago, I was what they call "computer illiterate" as I did not grow up learning how to 'surf the web' or send electronic mail. I do not think that I would have bothered to learn how to use a computer, it is weren't for the Microsoft Corporation. Microsoft's products are so user-friendly that I was able to master computer applications and thus enjoy the age of technology.

It is these innovations that have enabled Microsoft to rise to the top of the technology industry and is my belief that Microsoft has earned its position as a leader in its field. It is ridiculous for the federal government to punish Microsoft for producing high quality products. Please let the settlement stand as it is written. (An educational bill was just passed and yet you want Microsoft not to supply technology to students who most need assistance to participate in todays world. That sounds like leaving 'a child behind'. Microsoft must be allowed to focus on creating innovative software to assist our country continue to lead the world in technology.

Very truly yours,



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